while at the same time welcoming students of all backgrounds. In the ensuing 30 years, Martin University has changed the lives of thousands of students. It has grown from a converted church and school to a beautiful campus in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood of Indianapolis that serves as a tremendous resource to both faculty and students as well as the surrounding community.

As Father Hardin and Sister Jane step down as president and vice president of Martin University, I am hopeful that you will join me, the board of trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the university in congratulating them on their many years of service to the people of Indianapolis. I wish them both every continuing success as they pursue new and exciting opportunities to offer important service to many more of the people they have dedicated their lives to helping.

RECOGNIZING JACOBY ELLSBURY

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today, on behalf of all Oregonians, I recognize the recent accomplishments of Madras, Oregon's own Jacoby Ellsbury of the World Champion Boston Red Sox.

As a child growing up, I followed the Boston Red Sox closer than any other team. I recall my father telling me stories of the four west coast boys who were members of the Boston Red Sox in the 1940s. He told me about how they put their baseball careers on hold to defend our Nation at war. Two of those west coast boys, Johnny Pesky and Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr, had connections to Oregon and the Pacific Coast League. The story of these four young men from the west coast who became members of the Boston Red Sox was highlighted in the late David Halberstam's book "The Teammates— A Portrait of Friendship." For the four friends, Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Johnny Pesky and Dominic DiMaggio, it was about more than baseball. Their story is about the American dream and the bonds of friendship.

I recall Williams, Pesky, Doerr, and DiMaggio when I see Jacoby Ellsbury on the field with his teammates: Dustin Pedroia and Jon Lester. Dustin, the Red Sox second baseman, hails from California and Arizona State University and pitcher Jon Lester grew up in Tacoma, WA. Jacoby hails from the small town of Madras, OR, in the central part of the State and was a first team All-American at Oregon State University in 2005 when he led his team to the College World Series for the first time since 1952. Jacoby's career has blossomed on and off the field since joining the Boston Red Sox organization, and he is considered by many to be one of the game's future superstars.

Jacoby exhibits many of the qualities a young man should emulate. It is apparent that his work ethic, sportsmanship, and dedication to the game he loves have propelled him to the top of the baseball world. I praise his Mom and Dad, Margie and Jim, for a job well done. Oregonians and the Red Sox Nation are very proud of Jacoby Ellsbury.

Finally, I wish to note how proud I am to recognize Jacoby, not only as an American and an Oregonian representing the Boston Red Sox so proudly, but I am equally proud to recognize him as a man of Native American descent, particularly the first of Navajo descent to play in the Major Leagues. The members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs in Oregon should be extremely proud of Jacoby.

I congratulate Jacoby Ellsbury and his teammates on winning the 2007 World Series and wish him the best of luck as he continues his professional career in Boston.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 8, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3043. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on November 8, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. Byrd).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 9, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed on November 13, 2007, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

H.R. 3222. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on November 9, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. Byrd).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3688. An act to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes: it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Messrs. Mollohan, KENNEDY of Rhode Island, FATTAH, RUPPERSBERGER, SCHIFF, HONDA, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. PRICE of North Carolina, Obey, Frelinghuysen, Culber-SON, ROGERS of Kentucky, LATHAM, ADERHOLT, and LEWIS of California as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3355. An act to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events.

H.R. 3996. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3355. An act to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3495. An act to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3685. An act to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3688. An act to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3996. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 2334. A bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway